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Religious group rapped for sex attack cover-up

Anthony Burns

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JEHOVAH Witnesses covered up a sex attacker's series of assaults on a young girl in Northamptonshire for 25 years.

Anthony Burns, 54, had been confronted about his crimes within the Jehovah community in the 1980s but the religious group took no action.

Burns had abused the girl from 1977 until 1984 in Northants and Eastbourne, Sussex when she was aged between nine and 16, Northampton Crown Court heard on Monday.

Jailing Burns for 11 years, Judge Charles Wide QC said he hoped the child protection procedures of Jehovah's Witnesses had now been radically changed.

Burns, of Back Road, Wisbech, had pleaded not guilty to four charges of indecent assault, attempted rape and rape but was found guilty.

Judge Wide said the religious organisation was to blame for not contacting police about sexual abuse committed by one of its members. He told Burns: "The effects of the sexual abuse by you on her have been with her all of her life since - and it is plain from the evidence she gave it blighted her relationships and two failed marriages.

"Much time has passed but that is hardly to your credit.

"It is very unfortunate that the Jehovah's Witnesses community dealt with a complaint in 1984 in a wholly inappropriate way, seemingly more concerned with their own reputation than doing justice but I acknowledge they were very different times.

"I sincerely hope their processes have been changed radically since then.

"It is because of their involvement that these matters were not reported - you were challenged about the matter at the time by two witnesses and could have made a clean breast of it but you did not and during the course of the trial, you had the gall to accuse them of lying about it."

Winter wonderland

THE county has continued to be gripped by cold and frosty weather, turning many areas into picturesque winter scenes. For more see page 2.

Northampton Herald & Post - the best things in life are free

L&G faces criticism in 'hedging its bets' claim

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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A COUNCIL has hit back at claims that one of its key partners in the redevelopment of Northampton town centre is 'hedging its bets.'

Legal & General, the company which owns the Grosvenor Centre, has been working with Northampton Borough Council on the redevelopment of the shopping complex, which is a focal point of the authority's 'town centre first' policy.

However it has now emerged that the company has recently bought up properties in Sixfields, and now owns the land which includes the cinema, the bowling alley and Pizza Hut.

Tory and Independent councillors at Monday's council meeting said that they felt that L&G was acting in its own interests.

Conservative Cllr Tim Hadland asked the council if it had even known about the investment. He said: "Legal & General had made retail and leisure investments on the edge of the town.

"In view of our close working relationship, wouldn't you have been expected to be informed of it because on the face of it, it seems to me that Legal & General are hedging their bets."

However both the council and Legal & General have re-affirmed their pledge to the redevelopment of the Grosvenor Centre and the town centre.

Cllr Richard Church said: "They are one of the largest commercial property developers in the country and the fact that they now own some properties in Sixfields makes no difference to their commitment to Northampton Town Centre.

"Legal & General have dedicated their own resources into the redevelopment of the Grosvenor Centre and they wouldn't be doing that if they weren't serious about the proposal."

Council chief executive, David Kennedy, said: "Legal & General purchased a portfolio of properties which include some sites at Sixfields.

"We are very much aware of this and have been assured that this doesn't have an impact on the developments in relation to the Grosvenor Centre."

Legal & General have also outlined their plans for Sixfields in relation to the town.

Simon Russian, senior fund manager at Legal & General, said: "The Sixfields Leisure Park is a successful and fully let leisure destination that is part of a portfolio of seven schemes L&G's Managed Fund has purchased across England from LxB.

"Any future proposals for new development at Sixfields would be subject to planning approval and tested against national and local planning policy, but we have no current plans for significant retail units on the site.

"The purchase also does not affect L&G's Life Fund plans for the Grosvenor Centre, which is proceeding well."

BRRRRRR: A car wash covered in icicles and the view over Sixfields

It's freezing at the car wash

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE has continued to feel the cold with temperatures falling as low as minus 10C this week.

The county council has warned that grit becomes less effective at temperatures below minus 5C and has also reiterated that the authority's grit bins are for use on roads and public footpaths only.

Police are also advising drivers to take extra precautions to avoid costly breakdowns and are warning people about the dangers of walking across frozen lakes.

However, the cold snap is expected to ease towards the end of the week with the temperature rising to as high as 5C at the weekend before turning cold again.

Motorway shut after man dies in collision

A MAN died after being hit by another vehicle while he was changing a tyre on the M1.

The accident happened on the M1 southbound on Tuesday afternoon.

At just after 2.45pm, the man had stopped on the hard shoulder to change the tyre of his Mercedes Vito, one mile south of Junction 16, going southbound.

He was then struck by a passing light goods vehicle which was travelling in the slow lane.

The man - aged 50 and from the Nottingham area - suffered fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was declared dead at the scene. There were heavy tailbacks as the southbound carriageway was closed for several hours.

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Petition handed over to MP against rise in tuition fees

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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STUDENTS took their protests against the increase in university fees and cuts to higher education to an MP's office.

The group of young people, all from South Northamptonshire, are unhappy with the way the Government has said it wants to up higher education fees to £9,000 a year.

A large group protested outside the constituency office of Andrea Leadsom, MP for South Northamptonshire, in Blisworth yesterday and handed over a petition signed by more than 130 people.

The debate and vote on the issue in the House of Commons is due to take place today.

Harriet Craig, who plans to study International Relations and Politics at Birmingham University, said: "This policy is not right and it is not fair.

"The increase, by £6,000 in fees, with cuts to contact times (with lecturers) means that we will be paying more for less.

"Education is by far one of the best means of increasing social mobility.

"Going to university should be about your ability, not your ability to pay. The argument that this is necessary because of the economic climate isn't valid as the money won't be paid back for at least another five years and in the meantime they will have to pay for the loans."

The protesters were also angry at the cuts to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), which gives young people £30 a week for them to study at a sixth form or college.

Charles Pritchard, who hopes to study Law at Exeter, said: "EMA being cut will deeply affect some of my friends.

"I know some of them really need the money that it gives them as they are from a poorer background, and their families have said that they will not be able to support them through their education."

Mrs Leadsom has said that she accepts the students' right to protest peacefully over the issue but maintains that the Government's policy is right and fair.

She said: "I fully support the proposals and I am quite happy to sit down and speak to the students about their worries.

"I do believe that these fees are fair and progressive.

"Graduates will not have to pay anything back until they are earning £21,000 a year and even then it works out at being £7 or £8 a week.

"I think that this is an emotive issue, which prompts instinctive responses because it has been sensationalised in the media. "

DEMONSTRATING: Students who are unhappy about the changes to university fees

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Another arrest made in Adil investigation

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Police arrested a fifth man in connection with the death of Adil Basharat this week.

Officers attended an address in Milton Keynes and arrested a 19-year-old man.

He has since been released on police bail pending further enquiries and is due to report back to police next month.

Adil Basharat *(pictured)* died as a result of a single stab wound he received during an incident in Stratford Road, Deanshanger on Friday, November 19.

Four men have already been charged with Mr Basharat's murder.

Jake Batten, 21, and Freddy Wilson, Adam Moore and Daniel Anderson, all 19, have been remanded in custody.

Police are still looking for information about the circumstances leading up to Mr Basharat's death and are asking people to contact them on 03000 111 222 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Don't confuse symptoms - learn about meningitis

As the cold winter weather takes hold and cases of meningitis begin to rise, I'd like to point your readers in the direction of Meningitis UK's website.

We've just launched a new section explaining about all aspects of the disease in the hope that people will be better prepared to spot the symptoms and get swift treatment.

Now is the time to be extra vigilant as symptoms for meningitis are easily confused with more minor ailments, such as the common cold or flu.

We've redesigned our new research pages to be user-friendly and explain about the disease fully, while offering help and support.

The education section, with a quiz and symptoms puzzle, aims to help people diagnose the deadly brain bug more quickly and save lives.

New interactive features, including a flash game, explain how the immune system works and shows the success of vaccines and treatment.

A vaccine timeline shows the history of how the disease has been fought over the years, while the research pages explain the substantial work we're doing to develop a vaccine for all forms of meningitis.

Meningitis UK's mission is to eradicate meningitis completely.

Our Search 4 a Vaccine Campaign hopes to raise £7 million to achieve this goal.

Please visit www.meningitisuk.org and click on the 'meningitis' tab to find out more.

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This is just a blame game

I READ in the H&P letters, Cllr Brendan Glynane, Lib Dem leader, condemning the ruling Tories for being partially responsible for the £136 million debt Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) finds itself in.

This blame-game, tit for tat, has been in existence in local politics since time immemorial, by the three main parties, whoever is in power, likewise any possible scapegoat to cite underfunding by Central Government, where the same problem exists.

In the same edition, the Northamptonshire Police chief constable bemoans the fact that the Force will have to restructure to save £25 million.

However, there are three major reasons why we are in this mess both locally and nationally.

1 New Labour spent money we didn't have from 1997 to 2010, leaving a massive debt

2 Public sector employees' incomes have doubled in those 13 years.

That is why many jobs have to go or services axed.

It's unbelievable that 20,000 of these people are now on more than £117,000.

3 Most importantly, only one third of residents pay the council tax leaving the burden just for householders to pay, by the long outdated antiquated property valuation system, which is not based fairly on income amount either or how many adults, some with substantial incomes, reside in a property to divide the cost. So the only answer is to completely revamp this levy.

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Something needs to be done urgently, because official reports say that over 25 years, two million more homes will be built nationwide due to immigration but how many of those individuals will pay fully towards the necessary local service costs?

The only alternative is the previous poll tax.

Even that was a much fairer method of local taxation but then those who didn't pay a brass farthing before, in the 'something for nothing society' would take to the streets rioting, before you could say, 'Margaret Thatcher!'

Keith Jackson
Northampton

Please support my feral cat campaign

I AM writing once again as the festive season draws near, to appeal to those people who have supported me so generously in the past and to anyone else who would consider doing so in providing for unfortunate, homeless animals whose need increases in winter.

Christmas of course is not only a bad time for abandoned animals but for the millions slaughtered in the name of religion to celebrate a variety of festivals.

It has been 40 years since I began working to save stray and feral cats of Northampton and the surrounding area which began when old Northampton was pulled down and with it came the stray cat problem but I now realise that I can only reduce the numbers.

A large amount of press coverage was given to the woman who put the cat into a wheelie bin but equal cruelty goes on as people are still behaving irresponsibly in not having their animals neutered, allowing them to breed and abandoning the animals as the problem escalates.

I have over 100 cats to provide for on a daily basis and would therefore like to appeal for good quality cat food to help through the worst time of the year and to say a big thank you to all those who have given so generously over the year.

I can be contacted on 01604 631822 and thank you in advance as I am sure that the generosity of previous years will be matched once again by the people of Northamptonshire.

Maureen Cook
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It's all for a good cause, oh yes it is

WITH panto season upon us and winter in full force, the cast of Aladdin have been warming the hearts and minds of those raising money for Northampton General Hospital's children's ward.

The cast appeared at Melissa's Café in York Road, Northampton on Tuesday.

They hope to have raised between £500 to £1,000 after donating all of its takings on the day.

The cast of Aladdin chatted with customers and encouraged them to make donations.

Tulun Osmond, director of Melissa's Café, said: "All of our regulars turned up and we are really pleased at the way everything has gone, as it is our first time doing something like this. Hopefully we have raised a lot of money for a worthy cause."

Elected mayor idea vetoed by council

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NORTHAMPTON will not be getting an elected mayor after the council voted to keep its structure the same.

All three political parties chose to keep the current system of leader and cabinet and not to go with a proposed elected mayor.

The council said that with the Government's new localism bill on the horizon, which may change the ways councils are run, it could not justify the cost of putting in place the new position.

Leader of the opposition, Cllr David Palethorpe, said: "Should we spend £230,000 on a mayor, which may or may not work.

"It might work in a town like Bedford, but you only have to look at Doncaster to see how it has failed."

Only the independent members of the council objected to not having an elected mayor and believed that the consultation process was not fair and did not account for all of the people of Northampton.

Cllr Tony Clark said: "Keeping things the way they are is in the benefit of the three parties, who are only looking out for their own interests.

"We only have to look at the consultation process that this decision has been based on.

"Of the 284 people that replied to the online poll, 87 didn't know if they were male or female and 227 did not give an email address or contact number."

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The full cost of failed scheme is revealed

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MORE than 60 homes could have been renovated with the money used toward the failed Private Finance Initiative (PFI), it has emerged.

Northampton Borough Council revealed the total cost of the failed PFI scheme for the Eastfield and Thorplands estates was more than £600,000. Last month the Government scrapped the housing PFI project, which was met with celebrations from residents on the estate ***(pictured)***.

Questions have now been raised as to whether the money used in the business case for the proposed regeneration could have been put to better use.

At a full council meeting earlier this week Cllr John Yates asked how many houses could have been brought up to the decent homes standard with the money used for the redundant PFI scheme.

Cllr Sally Beardsworth, responsible for housing, said: "The total cost of the renovation of a house in the area depends on whether the home needs new central heating, a new kitchen and any other necessary work.

"This can vary the price but usually costs around £10,000." Cllr Beardsworth also justified the money spent in a response to a question from a member of the public.

She said: "Council officers are yet to meet with the Homes and Communities agency to discuss any possible methods of funding.

"Following these discussions we will be in a clearer position of what home improvements proposals can be discussed with local residents."

MPs join forces to tackle schools' PFI contracts

A GROUP of MPs around Northamptonshire are hoping to renegotiate business contracts which will help save schools money.

Andrea Leadsom, the MP for South Northants, has launched a campaign along with Brian Binley, MP for Northampton South and Michael Ellis, MP for Northampton North, to consider the possibility of changing certain Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contracts.

Northampton has one of the biggest PFI contracts in Europe which saw the rebuilding and refurbishment of more than 70 schools.

Mrs Leadsom said: "There is no doubt that Northamptonshire has benefitted from the new school buildings under PFI but the deals struck have not always given flexibility of use and in difficult economic times it would be good to see PFI providers doing their bit for local people.

"PFI debt in Britain is yet another millstone around the neck of taxpayers and yet another example of Labour's spend now, pay later legacy. I want to see PFI providers recognising the mess we are in and showing some support for the taxpayer by showing a willingness to look again at these contracts."

Bruce's plans for town's education

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A NEW school could be built and up and running in East Northampton by the start of September 2012.

The 'free-school' would reflect the Government's plan to get the organisation to work together with teachers and parents to produce an establishment that reflects the needs of the community.

The proposed centre will be called the Northampton Town and County School and will provide 200 primary and 600 places with a sixth form of 100 pupils.

The project is being led by former head of Northampton School for Boys, Sir Bruce Liddington, who is now director general of E-ACT, a leading national education promoter.

He has previously worked alongside Tony Blair and Lord Adonis to create the early stages

of this type of scheme. He said: "Many people have approached me, because of my previous links with Northampton School for Boys (NSB), to say that there are not enough good school places for their children in this town.

"Excellent schools are regularly oversubscribed.

"I now head an organisation – a charitable trust - that promotes academies and free schools.

"Often these schools are located in areas where both opportunity and educational excellence is a rare, if not an unknown entity.

"Northampton is different. Parents at schools like NSB know what can truly be achieved for their children in an excellent state school.

"By setting up a parent-led free school here we will be able to provide more places for students in an excellent school.

"Too many parents and pupils, especially in East Northampton, are not able to get into the school of their choice.

"I think it's important for parents to decide if this is the type of school they want. If they do we can work together to establish it.

"The organisation I now run has got a track record of improving schools and we want to use our experience and expertise to back a free school in Northampton."

Parents are asked to register their interest through an online questionnaire at http://www.e-act.org.uk/free-schools. A street survey is also being conducted.

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Cobblers, Saints get planning lift

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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NORTHAMPTON'S top sports teams have received backing from the council to improve their facilities.

Northampton Saints Rugby Club and Northampton Town FC will now have the full support of the Borough Council when they submit planning applications for the redevelopment of their grounds.

The authority passed a motion on Monday night that will now see the authority back the planning applications for any redevelopments.

The move, tabled by opposition Tory leaders, was passed with a clear majority at the meeting.

Many Liberal Democrats abstained or excused themselves from the vote over the issue which has been surrounded in controversy, as Saints have proposed extending Franklin's Gardens, with money from a new supermarket in the development - which goes against the council's town centre policy.

Conservative leader Cllr David Palethorpe said the redevelopments of the sporting infrastructure would have a positive knock-on effect to the whole town. He said: "At the moment we have four Saints players in the England team and it would be a shame if the town could not take advantage of the Rugby World Cup in 2015.

PLEASED: Keith Barwell

"As it stands Franklin's Gardens could not hold any World Cup.

"Going ahead with these developments would send a clear message that Northampton is open for business."

Saints chairman, Keith Barwell, said: "The result of the motion is very pleasing indeed.

"The poll that was conducted back in April showed that the vast majority of people in Northampton wanted their elected officials to support the Saints and the Cobblers and now the borough council are reflecting that with this motion.

"While the council leadership had their implicit policy of 'town centre first at the expense of everything else', the Homes and Communities Agency were never going to agree to this change of land use.

"And with that the case, there was never going to be any point in spending a considerable amount of money on a planning application that would not get off the ground.

"We have never asked for the planning process to be circumvented or ignored; all we wanted was the freedom to be able to submit an application in the knowledge that if it were approved the development could go ahead."

Northampton Town chairman David Cardoza said: "We have been looking to proceed with our re-development for a number of years so we give a cautious welcome to the news.

"Our welcome is only cautious, because we have been here and seen this before.

"However, this motion does give us renewed hope and optimism that the borough council can see sense and that we can work in partnership to fulfil our ambitions on behalf of the club, the community and the town."

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Homeless centres to shut doors

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TWO drop-in centres for the homeless are set to close, two days before Christmas.

Northamptonshire YMCA has announced that its centres in Northampton and Kettering will shut on December 23.

They are being closed as the YMCA has not been able to find alternative funding after cuts.

The organisation has decided on these measures to keep remaining projects in the area going.

It was announced earlier this year that the charity, which houses vulnerable young people, as well as providing a number of community based activities, was set to lose a vast majority of its funding by March 2011.

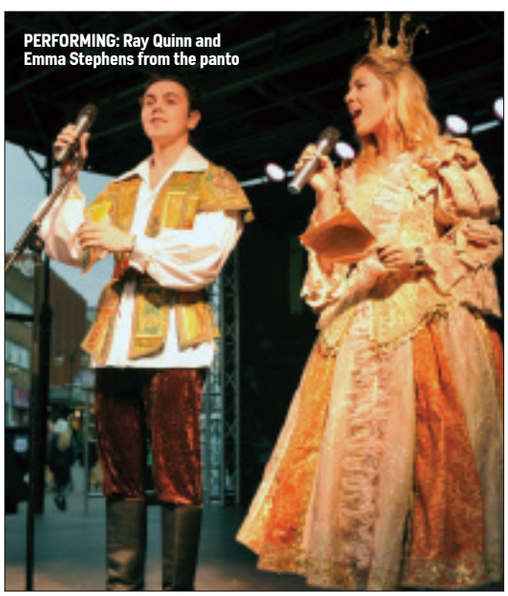
This has already seen services, such as an after school bus for kids, end.

Chief executive Peter Storey said: "We are working hard to find funding so we can extend activities beyond March 2011.

"However, in order to protect existing work we need to cease all activities with no funding.

"It is with regret that we are taking this action, but it is unavoidable if the YMCA is to continue providing other local activities.

"I would like to thank all those people in the community and at the YMCA who have worked so hard to help us continue working with vulnerable young people in the local area."



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Ray warms his vocal chords

THE countdown to Christmas got underway at the weekend with a dose of festive spirit from some of the town's panto stars.

On Saturday former X Factor contestant Ray Quinn, who is now a West End star, led the grand sing along finale of the Big Christmas Sing in the town centre.

Ray is taking the lead in Royal & Derngate's Jack and the Beanstalk which opens tomorrow.

Saturday's event included entertainment on the Abington Street stage trying to get as many people as possible in the town centre singing some classic Christmas songs.

Ray took to the stage for the finale at 3.30pm and led with renditions of We Wish You a Merry Christmas and White Christmas.

The cast of the Deco Theatre's Aladdin, which is already open, also lent their vocal talents to the festivities.

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Four were chosen by The Mulberry Tree gift shop in Towcester where they will be on sale. Proceeds will go to the charity.

New scheme just the Job for Gavin

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AN unemployed warehouse operative who dreams of becoming a teacher is benefitting from a new scheme to help jobseekers.

Gavin Plummer, from Abington, who has been out of work for six months, attended the official launch of Northampton College's Job Club on December 1.

The 32-year-old is using the service as a way to pursue a rewarding career working with children.

Mr Plummer said: "I used to operate forklift trucks and carry out stock checks as part of my old job but I have always felt like I would like to do something more worthwhile.

"I've been really impressed with Job Club so far. I only have a rough direction so they are helping me find suitable NVQ training and advising me on how to improve my CV."

The scheme is run in partnership with Northampton Borough Council and Jobcentre Plus and offers free careers advice and support to those out of work.

The informal drop-in service meets every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm at The Skills Centre NC in Lower Mounts, Northampton.

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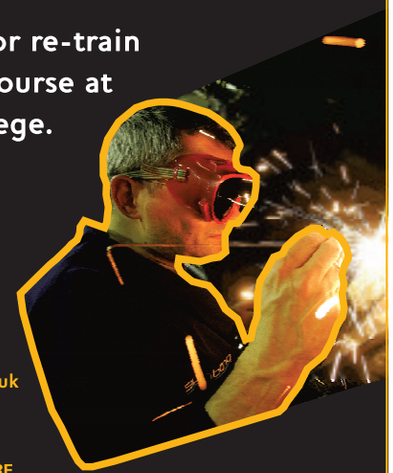

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Tenant evicted for dog dirt discovery

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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A HOME has been repossessed by a council after the tenant left it in a dirty condition and covered in dog excrement.

Northampton County Court granted Northampton Borough Council a Possession Order against a former tenant last week.

Angela Thoday of South Paddock, Lings, was told she had 14 days to leave her council house as she had not looked after the property, in which she had housed a large number of pet dogs.

She was also evicted on the basis of her intimidating her neighbours and verbally abusing council officers.

The authority had received several complaints and reports of anti-social behaviour about Mrs Thoday and her family.

DISAPPOINTED: Cllr Sally Beardsworth

Over the last few months, various officers from Northampton Borough Council visited the house for routine checks, only to be met with verbal abuse.

One officer described the smell of the property as "overwhelming" and another said that they saw the floors covered in dog excrement.

As Mrs Thoday had refused offers of help from the council and a family support worker it was left with no option but to seek a Possession Order.

The County Court granted Northampton Borough Council a Possession Order and awarded costs of £300.

Councillor Sally Beardsworth, portfolio holder for housing, said: "It is always disappointing when we have no alternative but to take legal action to recover a property.

"However there are so many people on our housing list who would love to be in a house that they can call home.

"We also have a duty of care to all of our tenants so cannot tolerate anti-social behaviour."

Give the animals a festive treat

A COUNTY animal charity urgently needs help to bring some festive cheer this Christmas.

Animals in Need, based in Little Irchester, is calling on people to donate goodies to the animals they look after.

The charity's Annie Marriot said: "We would be very grateful if you could fill a shoebox or small bag with goodies such as a tin or packet of food, edible treats, toys and a blanket or towel to keep the animals warm and dry."

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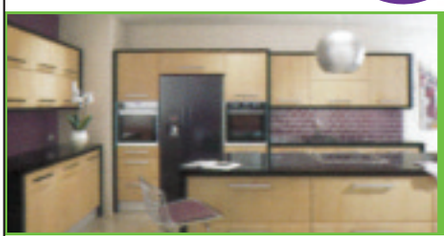

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MARKING THE ROYAL WEDDING

A COUNCIL has offered its warmest congratulations to Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Northampton Borough Council has sent out a letter congratulating the couple and is also looking at how to celebrate their wedding next year.

One idea, proposed by Cllr Brendan Glynane, is to have the event televised in the Market Square.

Cllr Paul Varnsverry, responsible for communities, has said that the council has already started looking into how to celebrate the event in public across the town.

PETROL STATION TARGETED

THERE was a robbery at the Total Garage on Towcester Road, Northampton on Sunday, December 5 between 5.45am and 6am.

The offender threatened the sales assistant through the night window and demanded money.

He ran off when a vehicle drove on to the forecourt.

The offender is described as white, 22-27 years old, about 5ft 9 tall, of slim build, with a scruffy unshaven blonde beard, wearing a green anorak-style top with the hood up and silver framed sunglasses with green lenses.

ASSAULT INFORMATION WANTED

A MAN was assaulted by two men as he walked along West Street in Weedon on Friday, December 3 around 11.30pm.

He was approached by a large group of people.

There was an altercation and a brief struggle and the victim was assaulted by two men.

The main offenders are described as both white, about 18, one of slim build, about 5ft 6, wearing a red hat and hoodie. The other was of medium build, 5ft 10 and wearing a red jacket.

CANAL-SIDE ROBBERY

A MAN was assaulted and robbed of his wallet and mobile phone as he walked along the canal towpath at the rear of Henry Bird Way in Northampton.

It took place on Saturday, December 4 between 3am and 3.30am.

The victim crossed the footbridge over the canal and started to walk along the towpath.

He was approached by two men who followed then assaulted him, taking the items from his coat pockets.

The main offender is described as white, 6ft tall, of medium build, with fair hair, aged around 30 and wearing dark clothing.

The other offender is described as white, 6ft tall, of medium build, aged around 30 and also wearing dark clothing.

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Residents complain about lack of action

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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A COUNCIL has hit back at claims they are not doing anything about family homes being turned into rented rooms.

At a public meeting last week in Kingsthorpe, allegations were made that Northampton Borough Council was not responding to the concerns raised by residents.

The debate continued at Monday night's council meeting where members of the public continued to call for action.

Cllr Trini Crake, cabinet member with responsibility for the environment, said: "We have listened to local people and we are all working to show them that their concerns are being taken seriously.

"All the agencies with their different responsibilities have met and drawn up an action plan so that we can target the issues we can.

"And this is not just a plan on paper, a great deal of work has already been done and we are all taking action.

"We are feeding back the information to the organisers of this petition.

"We really are all doing everything that we can to tackle the issues in this community.

"We can only act within the limits of our powers but I can promise local people that we are on the case and will all do everything we can and will explain why if we can't take action in some cases."

The gathering took place after people in the area petitioned a full council meeting in October.

As planning permission is not needed to change a house to multiple occupation for up to six residents, they have stressed that they can only take action where planning laws have been breached.

There have also been a small number of complaints about overflowing refuse bins and bins being put out on the wrong day.

The council is investigating these claims and also looking at alleged cases of fly tipping.

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Carnival steps ahead to support the Olympics

THERE may be a chill in the air but organisers are turning up the heat preparing for Northampton's colourful carnival.

Plans are starting to take shape for the 2011 event which looks set to be the best yet.

The Northampton Carnival Arts Consortium has released the information early to give people the chance to get creative.

SPIRIT: Some of last year's fun

The theme for next year is 'Footsteps to 2012 …The Colourful Journey' in preparation for the 2012 Olympics. And this thread will continue in 2012.

The 2011 carnival will take place on Saturday, June 11.

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Cllr Rosemary Bromwich

Helping the message stick

A COUNCILLOR has helped boost a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

The Towcester group has some new publicity material, including a new leaflet and fridge magnets, thanks to Councillor Rosemary Bromwich providing funding through the Northamptonshire County Council Empowering Councillors scheme.

Group chairman Nick King said: "The funding and the new publicity material is fantastic news for Towcester Neighbourhood Watch.

"We can give every household in the town information on our group and also a smart and durable way of keeping handy the police report phone number."

Cllr Bromwich, who has been presented with the new items, added: "This is a great way that Towcester residents can help each other by being vigilant and reporting unusual activity to our police Force."

Group honoured for turning lives around

BY JODIE PARSONS
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A GROUP of 12 young people, some who had committed drug offences in the past, have won an accolade from the Prince's Trust East Midlands Celebrate Success Awards.

Northampton's Team 18 was honoured with the Community Impact Award.

The group, all unemployed and struggling to find their path in life, were determined to turn their lives around and approached The Prince's Trust for help. They began the Team programme, a 12-week personal development course offering them the skills and confidence to get a job.

As part of their community project they worked together to set up a photographic exhibition celebrating the town of Northampton named 'My People, My Town, My Journey' and challenging the stereotypes often faced by young people in their community.

The team raised funds for the project through methods such as a cake and sweet sale and a pitch to Barclaycard employees for support, raising more than £600 through their efforts.

Once they had raised the funds, the team then had to balance their time to renovate a derelict shop to resemble a gallery and promote it to the community.

Each member had a different role in ensuring the successful completion of their project.

The launch of their exhibition in March 2010 was attended by the council, businesses and friends and family.

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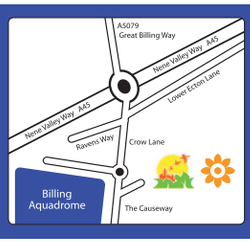

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Late night revellers joined by chief cop

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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IT is the time of year for celebrations but Northamptonshire Police have been out in force to make sure that a few festive drinks doesn't turn into anything worse.

Chief Constable Adrian Lee joined officers in Northampton town centre on Saturday night as part of Operation Nightsafe, a county-wide initiative to reduce alcohol-related crime and disorder.

In freezing temperatures, the chief, working until 4am on Sunday morning, helped officers deal with a variety of incidents, carry out licence checks and execute stop-searches. Chief Inspector Dave Lawson, the county's lead for Operation Nightsafe, said: "The fact that the chief spent several hours with the team on a freezing Saturday night demonstrates the commitment of senior officers to tackle alcohol-related issues and highlight alcohol-related harm.

"Operation Nightsafe is pioneering in its partnership approach to combating the more serious issues surrounding alcohol use."

Mr Lee spoke to businesses, licensees and partner agencies such as the ambulance service and street wardens on what was a busy night with the town centre packed with revellers.

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THE winners of the competition to see Saints play London Irish were Caroline Harris and Andrew Maddison.

The winner of the family ticket to see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at Royal & Derngate is Claire Hicks.

Amanda Saxby was the lucky winner of the competition to win a family ticket to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

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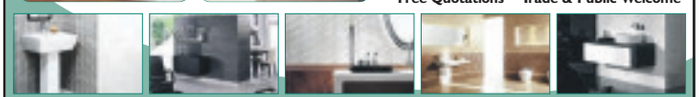

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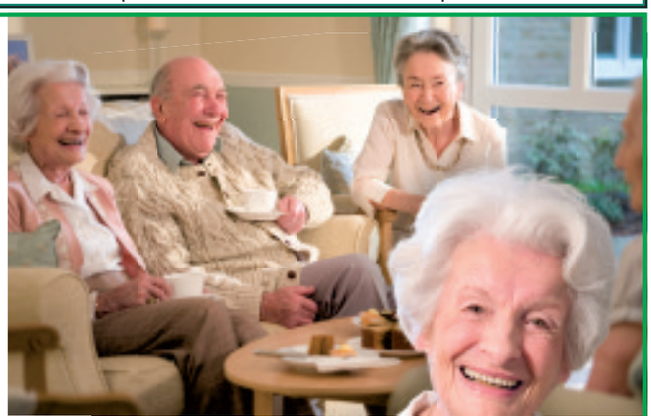

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REVIEW

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE
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THE alternative festive presentation has become a firm fixture in the Royal & Derngate calendar, offering a more theatrical option for those whose taste may not run to the booing and hissing of traditional panto.

But that's not to say there's any less enjoyment to be had in the intimate, cosy surroundings of the Royal auditorium and this stage adaptation of the CS Lewis children's classic The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

The sheer scope of the tale, from war-torn London to the battle-scarred plains of Narnia itself, means there's a massive challenge of scale facing director Dani Parr and her huge team of actors, musicians and supporting community cast.

The fact that every location, creature and dramatic event has the power to transport the audience just about anywhere says much for the success of meeting that challenge.

Theresa Heskins's faithful script and James Atherton's unmemorable music score may never quite catch the magic, but there's a whole range of skills, talents and abundant imagination on show to carry it off instead.

The four 'children' at the heart of the story are superbly played by Kyle McPhail, Alice O'Connell, Peter McGovern and Hayley Ellenbrook. This utterly believable quartet take you by the hand and lead you into the winter-stricken wonderland through the wardrobe, where their adventures are pacily played out on a versatile if complicated set designed by Jess Curtis.

Georgina White gives us a fine, over-the-top White Witch and there are some delightful animal cameos – particularly Mr and Mrs Beaver (Matthew J Henry and Louise Shuttleworth) – while other cast members also play a plethora of instruments under the capable guidance of musical director Zara Nunn.

It's endlessly inventive, full of action and enthusiasm, and if the whole doesn't quite weave the magical spell of the original book there's no shortage of entertainment value in a highly enjoyable couple of hours or so.

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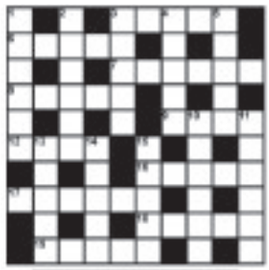

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8.Way to cook (5)
9.Wild dog (4)
12.Infernal (4)
16.More (5)
17.Impudent (6)
18.Sail (5)
19.Tendon (5)

DOWN
1.Air trip (6)
2.Beauty treatment (6)
3.Response (5)
4.Under (5)
5.Test (5)
10.Clamour (6)
11.Gaudy (6)
13.Perfume root (5)
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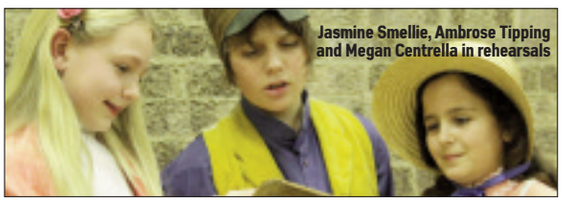
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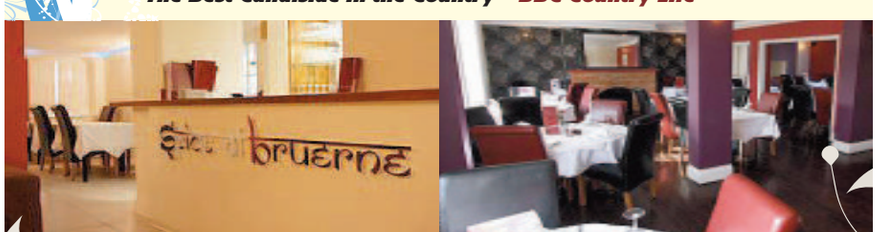

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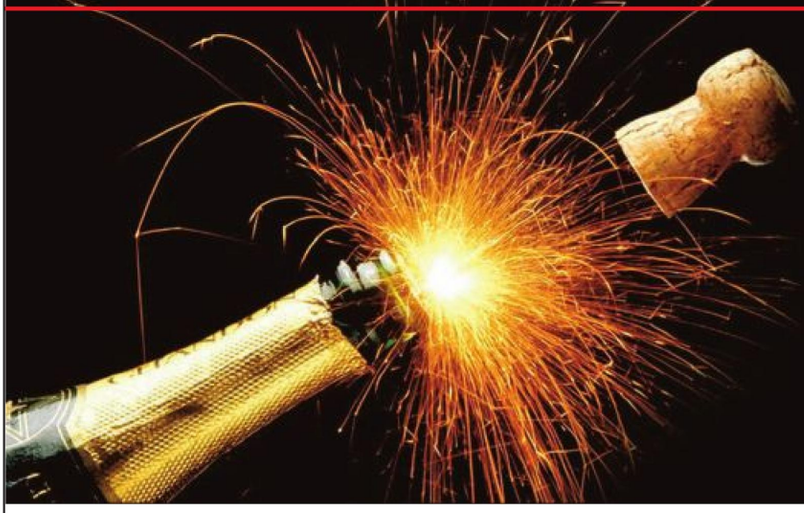

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So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

• Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

• Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

• Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

• Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

• Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, date of birth, home and mobile phone numbers, email address and nationality. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.

Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

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Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

• Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.

• Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.

• Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.

• Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

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Fresh look for the Corsa. . .

VAUXHALL has unveiled the first official shots of its new look Corsa.

The redesigned model will bring it up to date with other new Vauxhalls.

This includes the 'V' grille being replaced by a chrome signature bar featuring the new Griffin design as well as five new colours and a host of new trims.

It has also adopted many of the premium styling cues from other recently launched Vauxhalls, such as the Insignia, Astra and Meriva.

It will be ready for delivery to the first UK customers in February 2011.

The Corsa is Vauxhall's second best-selling model after the Astra and a near-permanent fixture in the UK's top-three best sellers' list.

Framing the Corsa's new face are 'eagle-eye' headlamps, which have also made an appearance on the recently launched Meriva.

The units have a chrome finish and include daytime running lights as standard across the range.

New chrome-finished fog lamps and housings complete the picture at the front of the car. The five new exterior colours complement the fresh look.

There is lime green pearlescent and orange metallic enhance as well as guacamole, sunny melon and pepperdust metallic.

Vibrant new colours also dominate the cabin, with seat trims such as steel blue and tabasco orange brightening the interior, accompanied by a range of coloured door trims, centre consoles, air vent rings and door handles.

Also inside is Vauxhall's new optional Touch & Connect multi-media system, which uses a five inch touch screen display featuring both 2D and 3D maps for the navigation system, as well as a CD/tuner, aux-in, USB and mobile phone connectivity.

Outside, it benefits from new 16-inch alloy wheels on both SE and SXi models, while the 192PS VXR receives the option of a new 18-inch alloy wheel, modelled on the design of the optional 20-inch wheel worn by the Insignia VXR.

With its fresh new look, the Corsa is now a very different car to the one on sale a year ago. Before the latest exterior and interior design changes were made, the Corsa had already benefited from a long list of significant upgrades to its chassis and powertrains.

To maintain its success in the small-car class, Vauxhall's engineers also made important revisions to the car's steering and suspension set-ups.

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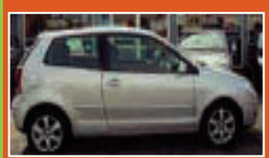

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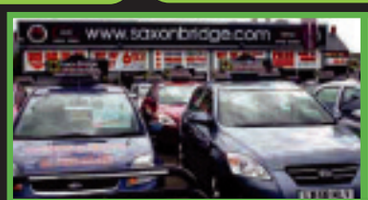

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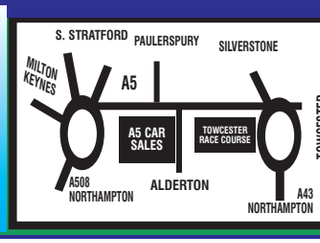

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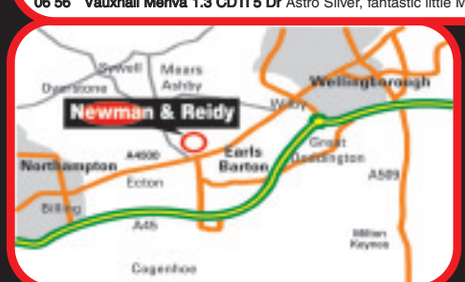

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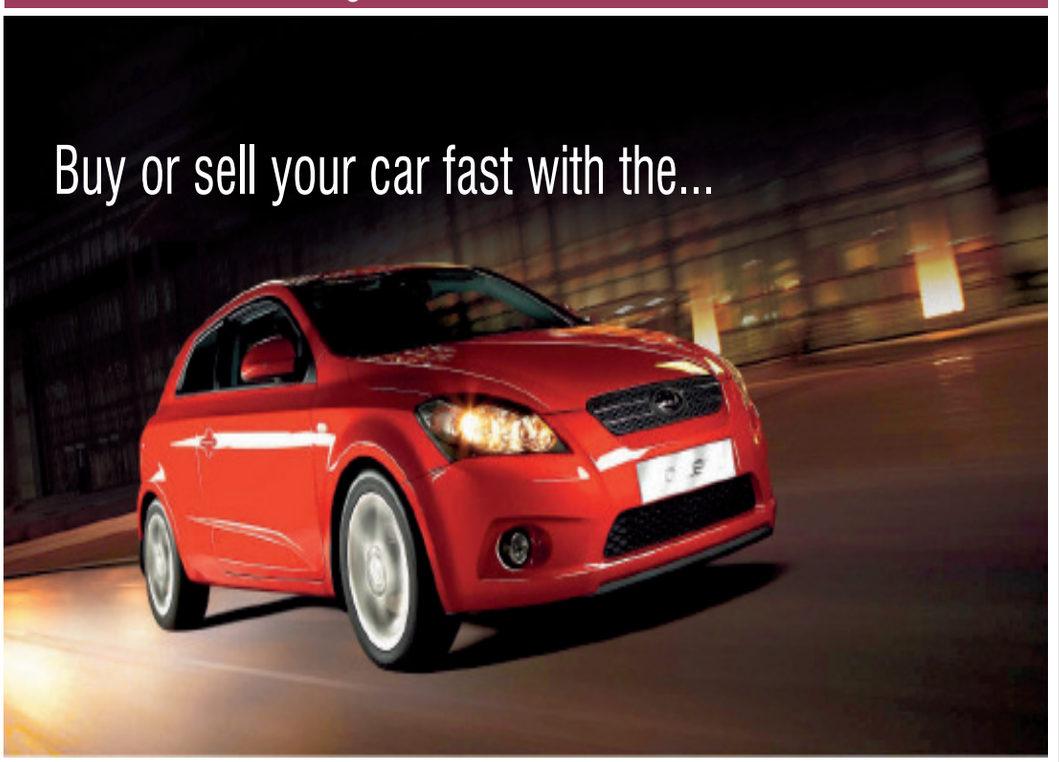

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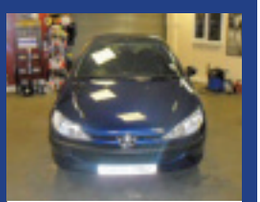

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(GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROL) ORDER 2001)
(AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council propose to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to amend the 'Northampton Borough Council (Various Areas) (General Traffic Control) Order 2001' as specified in the schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact lengths of road to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at Northamptonshire Central Library, Abington Street, Northampton during its normal opening hours or at the offices of the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Northampton during normal office hours.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN1 5NX by 30th December 2010.

Dated this 9th day of December 2010
PENELOPE OSBORNE
Head of Corporate Governance
County Hall
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SCHEDULE

1. Insert into Schedule 1 (Prohibition of waiting):-

St Georges Street – north side – from a point in line with the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 5 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – north side – from a point 28 metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 16 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – north side – from a point 59 metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 5 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – south side – from a point in line with the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 9 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – south side – from a point 78 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 12 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – south side – from a point 122 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 17 metres in a westerly direction

2. Insert new Schedule 65 as follows:-

Schedule 65 (Waiting limited to 2 hours, 8.00 am – 1.00 pm, Monday – Saturday)

St Georges Street – north side – from a point 5 metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 23 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – north side – from a point 44 metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 15 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – north side – from a point 64metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 32 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – north side – from a point 138metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 85 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – south side – from a point 9 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 31 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – south side – from a point 46 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 32 metres in a westerly direction

St Georges Street – south side – from a point 90 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 32 metres in a westerly direction

Public Notices

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

N/2010/1021 **38a Manor Road** – Single storey rear extension and roof conversion with rear dormer. Within Kingsthorpe Conservation Area.

N/2010/1022 **Bloomsbury House, 27 Guildhall Road** – Repairs to roof / rotunda canopy – revised scheme of N/2010/0348. Grade II Listed Building within Derngate Conservation Area.

N/2010/1033 **13 – 17a St Georges Street** – Conversion of existing hostel into 12no self-contained flats (re-submission of N/2010/0755). Grade II Listed Building.

N/2010/1040 **Land for Development, Tonmead Road** – Application for extension of time limit to implement planning permission N/2008/0141 for erection of 6no dwellings and 8no apartments with associated parking (amendment to planning permission N/2007/1038). Major Application.

N/2010/1055 **The Priory, 1 Orchard Hill** – External alterations to include parking and cycle storage. Internal alterations to facilitate wheelchair access. Grade II Listed Building.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the applications, plans and any other documentation submitted at Cliftonville House Reception (Planning), Bedford Road, Northampton or at the One Stop Shop, Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton during all reasonable office hours. Plans can also be viewed on-line at www.northampton.gov.uk, click on 'planning' and then 'planning search facility'. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Planning Division, Cliftonville House, Bedford Road, Northampton or email planning@northampton.gov.uk by 30th December 2010.

Susan Bridge, Head of Planning
Northampton Borough Council

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CLIFTONVILLE ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY NO RIGHT TURN) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from turning right along that length of Cliftonville Road, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Cliftonville Road, Northampton from the junction with Bedford Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to safely construct new signalised junction control.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 13th December 2010 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 31st March 2011.

Dated this 9th day of December 2010
PENELOPE OSBORNE
Head of Corporate Governance
County Hall
NORTHAMPTON

PKG/T10/145

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-364359.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

City Link Ltd of Riverbank, Meadows Business Park, Station Approach, Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey, GU17 9AB is applying to change an existing licence as follows, to add an Operating Centre to keep 3 vehicles and 2 trailers at, City Link, Europa House Unit A, Fairground, Riverside Business Park, Northampton.NN3 9HU, Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hill Crest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representators must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE A43 TRUNK ROAD (EVENLEY ROUNDABOUT, SOUTH OF BRACKLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE)
(DERESTRICTION) ORDER 20XX

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that he intends to make an Order under section 82(2) and 83(1) of, and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 on the A43 Trunk Road, south of Brackley, in the County of Northamptonshire.

The effect of the order would be to maintain the national speed limit on the length of the A43 between points 61 metres southwest and 61 metres northeast of its roundabout junction with Broad Lane, known as Evenley Roundabout, including the circulatory carriageway of that roundabout, which would otherwise be subject to a speed limit of 30 miles per hour as a result of the street lighting installed on that length.

A copy of the draft Order, together with plans illustrating the proposals and a Statement of the Secretary of State's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected during opening hours at Brackley Library, Manor Road, Brackley, NN13 6AJ; South Northamptonshire Council, Springfields, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6AE or may be seen at or obtained by application to the Highways Agency, The Cube, 199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham, B1 1RN.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order should send a written statement of their objection and the grounds thereof to Karen Eustace at the Highways Agency at the address given above. The objection should quote reference HA 28/8/94 and must be received no later than 07 January 2011.

For further information contact Karen Eustace on 0121 678 8420.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE A45 TRUNK ROAD (THRAPSTON TO NORTHAMPTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (DERESTRICTION) ORDER 20XX

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that he intends to make an Order under section 82(2) and 83(1) of, and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 on the A45 Trunk Road in the County of Northamptonshire.

The effect of the order would be to maintain the national speed limit on the lengths of the A45 described in the schedule to this notice, which would otherwise be subject to a speed limit of 30 miles per hour as a result of the street lighting installed on those lengths.

A copy of the draft Order, together with plans illustrating the proposals and a Statement of the Secretary of State's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected during opening hours at Northamptonshire County Council, John Dryden House, 8-10 The Lakes, Northampton, NN4 7YD; Northamptonshire Central Library, Abington Street, Northampton, NN1 2BA; Far Cotton Library, REC Centre, Towcester Road, Far Cotton, Northants, NN4 8LG; Borough Council of Wellingborough, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1BP; Irchester Library, High Street, Irchester, NN29 7AA; Thrapston Library, High Street, Thrapston, NN14 4JJ; Raunds Town Council, The Hall, Thorpe Street, Raunds, Northants, NN9 6LT; or may be seen at or obtained by application to the Highways Agency, The Cube, 199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham, B1 1RN.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order should send a written statement of their objection and the grounds thereof to Karen Eustace at the Highways Agency at the address given above. The objection should quote reference HA 28/8/97 and must be received no later than 7 January 2011.

For further information contact Karen Eustace on 0121 678 8420.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

SCHEDULE

Lengths of the A45 Trunk Road and connecting roads in the County of Northamptonshire subject to derestriction –

1. the A45 from a point 120 metres south of its roundabout junction with the A14 and the A605, at Thrapston, to and including the circulatory carriageway of that roundabout;
2. the A45 between points 122 metres southwest and 130 metres northeast of its roundabout junction with the A6 and Station Road, known as Chowns Mill Roundabout, near Higham Ferrers, including the circulatory carriageway of that roundabout;
3. the northbound carriageway of the A45 from a point 20 metres east of its roundabout junction with the A509 Wilby Way and Bourton Way, known as Wilby Way Roundabout, Wellingborough, to a point 140 metres east of its roundabout junction with the A5028 Northampton Road and Crown Way, known as Skew Bridge Roundabout, Rushden;
4. the southbound carriageway of the A45 from a point 140 metres northeast of Skew Bridge Roundabout to a point 80 metres northeast of the B573 Doddington Road overbridge, near Wellingborough;
5. the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the A45 to its roundabout junction with Ditchford Road, Rushden;
6. the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the A45 from its roundabout junction with Ditchford Road and Northampton Road, Rushden;
7. the slip roads leading to and from the northbound and southbound carriageways of the A45 at the A509 Turnells Mill Lane Interchange, Wellingborough;
8. the A45 from a point 145 metres northeast of its roundabout junction the A428 and A5095, known as Barnes Meadow Interchange, Northampton, to a point 101 metres east of High Street overbridge near Ecton;
9. the slip roads leading to and from the northbound and southbound carriageways of the A45 at its roundabout junction with the A5076 and Crow Lane known as Billing Interchange, Northampton;
10. the slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the A45 to a point 45 metres northeast of its roundabout junction with the A43 Lumbertubs Way and Ferris Row, (Lumbertubs Way Interchange) near Weston Favell;
11. the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the A45 from Lumbertubs Way Interchange;
12. the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the A45 to a point 64 metres southwest of Lumbertubs Way Interchange;
13. the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the A45 from Lumbertubs Way Interchange;
14. the slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the A45 to its roundabout junction with the A428 and A5095 Rushmere Road, known as Barnes Meadow Interchange, Northampton;
15. A length of the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the A45 from Barnes Meadow Interchange roundabout, from a point 62 metres northeast of that roundabout to its junction with the northbound carriageway of the A45;
16. the southbound carriageway of the A45 from a point 133 metres southwest of its junction with the exit slip road leading to its roundabout junction with the A508 and B526, known as Queen Eleanor Roundabout, Northampton, to a point 120 metres north of its roundabout junction with Saxon Avenue and the slip roads leading to and from the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 15;
17. the northbound carriageway of the A45 from a point 26 metres north of its roundabout junction with Saxon Avenue and the slip roads leading to and from the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 15, to a point 138 metres south of its junction with the entry slip road leading from Queen Eleanor Roundabout;
18. a length of the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the A45 from Queen Eleanor Roundabout, from a point 56 metres south of its junction with Queen Eleanor Roundabout to its junction with the southbound carriageway of the A45;
19. a length of the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the A45 to Queen Eleanor Roundabout, from its junction with the northbound carriageway of the A45 to a point 55 metres south of Queen Eleanor Roundabout.
20. the slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the A45 to its junction with Berry Lane, at Wootton, Northampton;
21. the slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the A45 to its roundabout junction with Saxon Avenue and Wooldale Road, south of Northampton;
22. a length of the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the A45 from its roundabout junction with Saxon Avenue and Wooldale Road, south of Northampton, from a point 159 metres north of its junction with the southbound carriageway of the A45 to that junction;
23. the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the A45 to its roundabout junction with London Road and Rowtree Road, near Collingtree, and
24. a length of the slip road leading from its roundabout junction with London Road and Rowtree Road to the northbound carriageway of the A45, near Collingtree, from a point 149 metres southwest of its junction with the northbound carriageway of the A45 to that junction.

Notice is hereby given that Hayley Baverstock of Newlyn Plc, 180-188 Northolt Road, South Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 0LT has applied to the judge at Northampton County Court for a Bailiff's Certificate. If anybody knows of reason why Hayley Baverstock is not a proper persons to be granted a Bailiff Certificate should write to the Court Manger at Northampton County Court, 85-87 Lady's Lane, Northampton, NN1 3HQ before 21 January 201

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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

10/0181/FULWNN
13 - 17A St Georges Street, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 2TN
Proposal: Conversion of the existing hostel into 12no. one bedroom flats.
Reason for advertisement:
The proposal is considered to affect the character and appearance of a listed building.
The proposal is a Major Development.

10/0188/FULWNN
Land Off Banbury Lane, Pineham, Northampton, Northamptonshire
Proposal: Erection of 176 dwellings, roads and sewers and associated open space.
Reason for advertisement:
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The proposal would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (public rights of way) applies

10/0189/FULWNN
Former Cliftonville Day Centre, Cliftonville Road, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5BW

Proposal: External lighting scheme.
Reason for advertisement:
The proposal is considered to affect the setting of a listed building.

10/0191/FULWNN
Pearce Leather Works , Wellingborough Road, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 9BG
Proposal: Change of use of existing offices and manufacturing (Use Classes B1 and B2) to a museum (Use Class D1).
Reason for advertisement:
The proposal is considered to affect the character and appearance of a listed building.

Copies of the applications, plans and any other documentation submitted are available for inspection at WNDC Offices, Franklin's Gardens, Weedon Road, Northampton between 10am –12am and 2pm – 4pm. They can also be viewed on-line at www.wndc.org.uk, please follow the link to **search planning applications**. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications can comment via our website or write to the Planning Department, PO Box 622 Franklin's Gardens, Northampton, NN5 5WU by 30.12.2010.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998, and other legislation, the public has the right to inspect all papers connected with the application. When submitting a comment on a planning application to WNDC, we will record your name, address and comments. Your name and address will be published, along with any comments you make, in the public planning register, which is available in hard copy and online.

Adrian Arnold
Director of Planning Services, on behalf of West Northamptonshire Development Corporation
Date: 09.12.2010

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
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(a) the northbound and southbound carriageways of the A43 from a point 61 metres south of the southern roundabout at M1 Junction 15a, to the northern roundabout at that junction, including the circulatory carriageways of both roundabouts;

(b) a length of the link road at the southern roundabout of the A43 at M1 Junction 15a –
  (a) leading to and from Rothersthorpe north motorway service area; and
  (b) leading to the northbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 15a,

  from its junction with the roundabout to a point 80 metres southeast of its junction with the northbound carriageway of the M1,

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ATTRACTIVE shapely 52, 5ft 1ins, medium build, glasses, N/S, outgoing, likes music, meals out, walks, nights in, seeks kind, caring male for friendship, maybe more. Norfolk. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 354591**

SHELL 39, curvy, dark hair, caring, bubbly, talkative, single mum, seeks male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Rushden. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 353293**

MARIA 48, blonde hair, widow, likes walks, cinema, meals out, dancing, seeks N/S male 40's with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Harlow. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 354545**

LYN 61, green eyes, ginger hair, caring, loving, loyal, honest, GSOH, many interests, seeks male, 58-62 for friendship, fun and maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 345517**

CUDDLY 53yrs young widow, Capricorn, dark hair, hazel eyes, seeking male for friendship, possible Mr Right. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374210**

FEMALE and male, seeks male, 35-45 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 329147**

FEMININE friendly, attractive female, 5ft 6ins, dark hair, green eyes, curvy, likes travel, home life, walks, sports, seeks down to earth male, 55-65 with good personality for friendship/relationship. Essex. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 353523**

LADY tired of being alone, seeks tall gent, 65-70, N/S to share holidays, outings and life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 345734**

LISA 39, single mum, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blue eyes, GSOH, seeks honest male, 20-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 335931**

LYN attractive, 54, N/S, 5ft 7ins, slim, widow, likes socialising, meals out, holidays, seeks similar male. Kings Langley. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 353921**

ATTRACTIVE slim, 40yr old single mum, likes cosy nights in, seeks honest, attractive, loving male, 40-47. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 329387**

55YR old female, likes walks, drives, swimming, beach, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Herts. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 352489**

LADY young 64, widow, slim, trying to move forward, GSOH, likes music, dancing, seeks gent for friendship, maybe more. Thetford. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 352951**

SINCERE lady, hardworking, easygoing, honest, caring, genuine, seeks white male for LTR. Stevenage. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 352601**

ANGIE 55, medium build, N/S, likes walks, coast, pub lunches, days out, music, seeks genuine, caring male for LTR. Suffolk. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 352529**

41YR old slim single mum, 5ft GSOH, caring, seeks special relationship with caring, warm-hearted, kind male, 35-45 who likes family life. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 348789**

YOUNG 51yr old female, fun, tolerant, loyal, grounded, honest, seeks similar male for future happiness. Busby. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 352477**

DIVORCED mum, seeks loyal male, 50 plus, likes films, nights in for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 335361**

ATTRACTIVE female, 50's, slim, 5ft 3ins, seeks honest male for friendship and more. Ipswich. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 351741**

MARIANNE 38, OHAC, GSOH, bubbly, mum, 5ft 3ins, size 10, likes walks, cinema, salsa dancing, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 349355**

ATTRACTIVE black lady, 5ft 5ins, 37, curvy, likes socialising, warm, friendly, Christian, seeks similar male for friendship, maybe more. Hertfordshire. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 350869**

PATRICIA 59, 5ft 6ins, medium build, likes dancing, travel, music, walks, cycling, seeks caring, genuine male of similar age and interests. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 350763**

FEMALE 55, likes meals out, travel, cinema, seeks male of similar age and interests. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 350669**

61YRS young attractive female, seeks romantic, sensitive male for TLC, 50-65. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 339191**

CHRISTINE young 63, N/S, attractive, slightly overweight, seeks kind male. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 349853**

SLIM 41yr old single mum, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, loving, caring, seeks honest, special male for TLC. Must like family life, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 348739**

JULIE slim, blonde, 56, 5ft 4ins, likes travel, meals out, animals, seeks decent male for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 315399**

LOU 47, petite, 5ft 2ins, young at heart, GSOH, likes walks, seaside, seeks honest, loyal male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 341267**

ATTRACTIVE warm hearted, loving, sensitive, honest, reliable female, 33, likes socialising, cinema, nights in, meals out, GSOH, seeks genuine, honest, attractive male. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 380672**

BUBBLY 34yr old female, seeks similar guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 348107**

ATTRACTIVE female, 40, 5ft 4ins, single mum, genuine, medium build, great personality, bubbly, seeks genuine male for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 347665**

39YR old female, medium build, 5ft 2ins, likes socialising, cinema, nights out, walks, seeks male, 35-45 for fun, maybe more. Must like children. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 347587**

CASEY 48, widowed, likes cinema, nights in, meals out, seeks N/S, genuine, honest male for TLC. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 343487**

ATTRACTIVE smart, refined lady, seeks nice mannered, N/S gent, 68-70's who likes to treat a lady well. Car driver. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 347387**

MIRIAM early 50's, attractive, 5ft 6ins, size 10, blonde hair, brown eyes, likes concerts, pub lunches, days out, seeks decent, genuine, N/S male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 339771**

30YR old slim, attractive, young black lady, generous, love life, seeks loving, mature gent, 35-45 for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 346701**

TALL slim, blonde, just 60yrs young, adventurous gal, seeks over 6ft, N/S, black guy of similar age or younger to care about. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 311621**

50'S female, slim, attractive, GSOH, OHAC, solvent, loves to be pampered, seeks younger male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 337541**

OLIVE late 60's, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, seeks kind, understanding male with good personality. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 343475**

SHIRLEY widow, early 70's, fun loving, bubbly, likes TV/radio, reading, country walks, gardening, socialising, seeks nice, country guy, late 60's-early 70's with GSOH for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 343245**

PETITE attractive, smart 78yr old blonde widow, honest, sincere, seeks genuine, nice male, 70-80 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 342959**

PATRICIA 59, medium build, likes country walks, seaside, socialising, seeks genuine, caring male of similar age. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 342817**

BLONDE female, outgoing, blue eyes, likes dogs, music, films, seeks male for friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 341495**

MICHELLE 28, 5ft, slim, GSOH, caring, honest, likes nights in/out, country walks, cinema, seeks honest, fun loving male, 20-35. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 341417**

STUNNING babe, long dark hair, tall, slim, long legs, likes travel, arts, meals out, seeks tall, charismatic guy, 50's for happy fun, maybe LTR. Must have GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 340939**

LINDA 51, brown eyes, blonde hair, caring, loving, loyal, honest, GSOH, many interests, seeks male for friendship, fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 322609**

49YR old female, 5ft 7ins, slim, dark hair, green eyes, seeks tall male, genuine and caring for proper relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 335013**

ATTRACTIVE professional female, 44, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, seeks attractive male, 40-50 for nights out and possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 308415**

CHRISTIAN female, 46, graduate, petite, 5ft, brown hair, likes cinema, walks, music, church, seeks male with similar interests. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 355358**

ATTRACTIVE 64yr old pleasant lady, GSOH, medium build, seeks gent of similar age for possible relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 339883**

PETITE slim lady, widowed, blonde hair, blue eyes, early 60's, seeks N/S, country loving gent, 60-68. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 339757**

LADY 62, blonde, intelligent, caring, truthful, likes countryside, pets, classic cars, conversation, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 339515**

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, 5ft 3ins, likes pets, cooking, music, walks, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 40's for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 339143**

FUN loving lady, 52, seeks male, 48-58, easygoing and friendly who enjoys the countryside and fun days out. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 335749**

WANTED male, 50 plus, must drive by hardworking, blonde, semi retired, 60 plus for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 337773**

ATTRACTIVE petite 24yr old blonde hair, blue eyes, likes holidays, eating out, seeks attractive professional male, late 20's/30's. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 325345**

GENUINE female, 56, 5ft 6ins, N/S, likes country walks, holidays, seeks likeminded male, 50-65 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 371662**

LEIGH 47, 5ft 2ins, 8st, loyal, bubbly, seeks strong-minded guy with GSOH and is fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 332573**

JANET 46, Aquarius, kind, caring, shy, likes most things, seeks male, 45 plus with GSOH for friendship, fun and possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 319149**

LADY 55, GSOH, likes walks, cooking, leads quiet life, seeks male, 55 plus for companionship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 336473**

BUBBLY 46yr old female, 5ft 11ins, blonde hair, GSOH, seeks 40 plus male with positive outlook for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 334357**

JULIE 46, medium build, green/blue eyes, brown hair, likes walks, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 331473**

GODDESS needs to be worshipped. Vivacious, witty, warm, sociable, seeks likeminded male. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 334543**

44YR old female, dark hair, green eyes, sometimes gorgeous, loves life, seeks special male. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 334163**

WIDOW 58, cross between Brand/French, not so able, would like some good company. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 334151**

TALL lady, mid 50's, likes cinema, bowling, cooking, conversation, seeks tall, honest, reliable gent for friendship and relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 313481**

LADY 63, seeks gent, 60-70, N/S for days/evenings out. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 333941**

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PLEASANT warm 61yr old widow, looking to share meals out, theatre and music with genuine male for friendship/relationship **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 333583**

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WANTED sugar daddy! Kind girl, late 50's, seeks sweet pops for old fashioned romance. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 333529**

ATTRACTIVE black female, HIV positive, likes most things, good qualities, seeks professional male, under 45 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 332001**

OUTGOING female, dark hair, blue eyes, seeks kind, gentle male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 331959**

TALL 48, attractive, seeks tall man 40-50 with GSOH for friendship and lots of fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 326891**

JANET caring, honest, romantic, average looks, dark hair, green eyes, likes most things, seeks tall male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 328795**

ATTRACTIVE slim female, young 48, likes reading, camping, history, seeks genuine, attractive male, 38-48 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 373204**

ATTRACTIVE 51yr old female, looks younger, dark hair/eyes, loving, caring, GSOH, seeks similar tall, trustworthy male. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 323787**

SLIM brunette, 56, likes keep fit, N/S, seeks N/S gent, 53-62 for genuine relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 329277**

LISA 38, single mum of 4, 5ft 3ins, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks male, 20-40 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 326383**

AMANDA GSOH, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 327737**

NURSE country lover, home bird, likes pets, people, classic cars, conversation, seeks caring, interesting, intelligent, amusing soul mate. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 328639**

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40YR old male, seeks female, 18 plus for friendship, maybe more. Northampton. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 354733**

MALE likes walks, meals out, nights in, seeks active, young at heart female for friendship, maybe more. Northampton. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 383134**

34YR old male, slim, attractive, likes socialising, music, cinema, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 350073**

MARK 44, brown hair, green eyes, slim, easygoing, likes films, shopping, nights out, cinema, seeks female. Northamptonshire. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 354573**

MALE 51, seeks female, 35-55 for fun and friendship. Wellingborough. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 354337**

ROB 41, likes music, pubs, sports, football, seeks good looking female, 35-40 with GSOH for fun and friendship. Essex. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 354717**

CARING male, 45, likes cinema, walks, meals out, concerts, travel, seeks loving female, 35-48 with similar interests for LTR. Haverhill. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 354693**

PAUL 46, 5ft 9ins, outgoing, likes DIY, cooking, honest, loyal, caring, loving, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 354459**

STEVE 51, seeks female for cosy nights in, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 350309**

CHRIS 47, young looks, blue eyes, shaven head, romantic, spontaneous, seeks female for relationship and lots of laughs. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 340181**

NEIL 54, easygoing, likes most things, seeks female for friendship and LTR. Royston. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 382328**

6FT medium build 57yr old happy guy, would like to share that happiness with someone special. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 348615**

GARY 49, short dark hair, fit, likes gym, cinema, country walks, pubs, seeks N/S female, 38-48. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 346877**

ROBIN divorced, 52, active, seeks normal, happy relationship with normal happy female. Kettering. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 382628**

FRIENDLY easygoing male, young 72, seeks nice lady of similar age or older for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 343671**

SINGLE male, no ties, loving, caring, seeks female, up to 35, caring and full of love for LTR. Northants. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 351445**

GOOD looking fit male, 60's, kind, caring, likes travel, sport, gym, theatre, wining/dining, seeks attractive female, any age for good times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 350757**

6FT male, brown hair, good looking, likes gym, meals out, country walks, wine bars, seeks slim, attractive female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 342879**

MALE 41, honest, genuine, loving, romantic, seeks female of similar age or younger for happy LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 350637**

SIMON honest, 5ft 6ins, medium build, gent, 50, manners, kind hearted, N/S, love outdoors, seeks attractive lady. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 346831**

GOOD looking male, 44, hurt in past, seeks pretty, slim female to put the spark back. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 353783**

NEIL 54, likes dancing, socialising, keep fit, holidays, walking dogs, seeks special female. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 351107**

HONEST romantic, reliable, 6ft guy, 50's, seeks nice girl to share the good times. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 336630**

6FT male, romantic, tactile, mid 50's, divorced, GSOH, seeks challenging girl for friendship and romance. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 320567**

EASYGOING male, 39, likes music, sports, good company, seeks fun, feisty, curvy lady, 30-45 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 349600**

DIVORCED 54yr old male, 5ft 4ins, dark blue eyes, honest, loyal, caring, seeks similar female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 352229**

CARE worker 55, medium build, many interests, seeks N/S, kind, amorous lady to walk through life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 350855**

TALL solvent, country male, early 60's, quiet, homely, no ties, OHAC, likes nights in/out, seeks tall female, 55-62 for possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 374996**

57YR old male, divorced, seeks mature female, 57-65 for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 373858**

STEVE seeks Connie from Daventry, lost your number. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 350411**

ENERGETIC fit male, 60's, attractive, kind, caring, likes travel, sport, wining/dining, seeks attractive female, any age for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 349153**

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SCORPIO male, 52, young at heart, seeks partner to enjoy fun in life. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 336995**

ROBIN 51, smoker, divorced, hardworking, happy go lucky, seeks normal female. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 348873**

MALE 42, 5ft 11ins, seeks attractive female, 30-42 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 341579**

BRIAN 64, divorced, likes socialising, seeks lady, 45-65 for tender, loving relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 346543**

ATTRACTIVE male, 63, likes music, socialising, nights in/out, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 327061**

GOOD looking 39yr old male, seeks attractive lady for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 381270**

ROBIN 50, active, divorced, caring, seeks female of similar age for normal happy relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 345515**

YOUNG 59yr old male, seeks petite, attractive female, 45-58 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 344529**

HOT fitness instructor, ex model, looking for love, blue eyes, seeks female. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 329465**

OLLY 40, 5ft 9ins, caring, warm hearted, GSOH, seeks curvy, caring female, 30-45 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 322341**

6FT male, 60, medium build, GSOH, loves travel, nights in/out, seeks companion, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 343871**

MICHAEL 33, 5ft 6ins, medium build, likes sport, nights out, music, chilling, seeks female for fun, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 343861**

42YR old male, black, 6ft, slim, muscular, likes good food, clubs, sports, socialising, DVDs, walks, cinema, seeks young female with GSOH and similar interests. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 343721**

ANDY 43, 5ft 7ins, medium build, easygoing, caring, likes keep fit, holidays, nights in/out, seeks female for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 339237**

TALL handsome, well built single gent 50's, own business, WLTM single, slim, attractive female for possible LTR. Let's meet for coffee! **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 340971**

MALE 40, Xmas special, warm hearted, GSOH, loving, caring, seeks soul mate, 35-40. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 321799**

DAVE 55, likes most things, walks, cycling, seeks male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 340159**

YOUNG 42yr old male, 5ft 9ins, slim, fair hair, blue eyes, Scorpio, likes meals out, holidays, nights in/out, seeks happy go lucky female for fun, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0890 Box No: 342205**

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Malcolm says two in middle can play at a higher level

FOOTBALL

MALCOLM Crosby believes that Kevin Thornton and Michael Jacobs both have bright futures – providing that they continue to work hard and find a level of consistency.

The midfield duo were both on target for Northampton Town during the 2-0 victory over Stockport County on Saturday that moved the Cobblers up to 18th in League Two.

Thornton capped his first league start since October 23 with a fine solo effort in the fourth minute, while Jacobs came off the bench to replace the injured Andy Holt at half time before wrapping up the win 15 minutes from the final whistle.

Northampton assistant manager Crosby *(pictured)* was delighted with the performance of the pair, particularly Thornton as he feels the Irishman is capable of producing more performances like that

He said: "When you've got that sort of ability you should be able to go on and play at a higher level, and if Kevin was to play like he did on a regular basis then I don't think he would be at Northampton for very long.

"He's capable of that because he has got great ability and we're always looking for consistency from him, but it was a great goal.

"Michael Jacobs always has a goal in him. He's a bright player, he's still only young and he's got a good future ahead of him.

"He's got to keep working hard on his game, but what's very good about him is that he can score a goal. He's got three or four already."

Crosby took charge of the Cobblers for the match after Ian Sampson's wife was taken ill before kick-off. The manager did return during the second half and saw his team claim a win that lifted them to within seven points of the play-offs.

It was one of only two matches in League Two to go ahead, with Oxford United's 2-1 home victory over Barnet the other match to survive the weather.

"It was good that we played because there was only one other game in our league and it has given us the chance to move up the table," said Crosby.

"I feel sometimes this year, we've played really well and not won. Last year we'd play average and win a game, so sometimes you need a little bit of luck to go your way.

"Although, at times, the performance was excellent, there were still spells where we were a little bit sloppy. We just need to be a little bit more ruthless when we're winning and then we can start to climb the table quickly.

"I thought we started very well and once we had scored the first goal I thought we would go on and score a couple more.

"Fair play to Stockport, at the end of the first half they came back into the game, but in general I thought it was a good performance from our lads and we deserved the victory."

Football League new boys Stevenage await Northampton on Saturday as they pay their first visit to Broadhall Way since the only previous meeting between the sides in the FA Cup Second Round, five years ago.

Crosby does not envisage the Cobblers making many changes ahead of the match, but whether or not weekend goalscorer Jacobs will start is likely to depend on the fitness of Holt.

The captain was replaced by the 18-year-old after suffering a thigh strain during the Stockport game, while Chris Dunn also suffered a similar injury, which prevented him from taking goal kicks near the end. However, he was able to play on.

Flower of Scotland 'brought me back to when I was little' admits proud Joe

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TEN years ago, a young Joe Ansbro went to watch his first Scotland game at Murrayfield. Along with his family, the current Northampton Saints centre witnessed a high-scoring affair as a star-studded Barbarians ran out 45-42 victors.

"I remember Zinzan Brooke was playing for them and we had Glenn Metcalfe at 15. Kenny Logan was also on the wing," he recalls.

"That was the first game I went to, but I was quite young and we didn't really watch club rugby. Where I was it was more amateur rugby."

A decade later, his boyhood dream of representing his country in a full international came true when the 25-year-old made his debut against South Africa.

Although he had represented Scotland A before, Ansbro's call-up to the senior side may have come as a surprise even to him after featuring mainly from the bench for the Saints at the start of the season.

But with Max Evans' injury, Scotland coach Andy Robinson had no hesitation in bringing him into the squad and starting him against the world champions.

With his family watching in the stands and 'Flower of Scotland' playing, Ansbro admitted that there was almost a tear in his eye as he lined up.

He said: "It came close, but I was trying to keep it together because I had a hell of a game ahead of me."

"It brought me back to when I was little and getting behind the underdogs. Me and my brother always supported Scotland, and always wanted to play for them.

"It was quite emotional but I just tried to focus on my job."

He could hardly have wished for a better way to start his international career. Having been thumped 49-3 by New Zealand the previous week, the Scots turned on the style and vanquished the Springboks 21-17 in the driving rain.

Ansbro said: "They're the world champions and a sizeable bunch, as well as being pretty physical. The conditions definitely affected the type of rugby that was played, which made my job slightly easier, but it was a physical game.

"I remember the first couple of times I got it I was driven back a few metres, but it's what I expected. I remember a similar step up at schoolboy level where you go up from playing with your mates.

"You always get hit harder so you've got to re-gather and focus on the next job."

He also featured in Scotland's 19-16 win over Samoa in Aberdeen to stake a claim for a place in the side for their Six Nations opener away to France in February.

But the former Cambridge University Blue's only concern at the moment is getting back in the Saints side, with plenty of competition for him on the wing and in midfield.

He said: "If I can get into this team then it is going to put me in good stead, but there's so much competition at Scotland level as well, because there are a lot of good wingers and 13's.

"It has been a really positive experience just for me to be involved in the coaching set-up there and with all of the players.

"We got two wins at the end of the autumn internationals and were delighted with that."

Gilligan promises end to Cobblers' stay in the drop zone

FOOTBALL

RYAN Gilligan is in no doubt that Northampton Town are capable of climbing back up the League Two table as they bid to secure a place in the play-offs.

A 2-0 win at home to Stockport County on Saturday helped lift the Cobblers away from the wrong end of the table and also puts them within seven points of a spot in the post-season promotion battle.

Gilligan believes that the Northampton squad is better than their league position of 18th, but conceded that they need the results to match their ability.

He said: "I think we have been very inconsistent this year.

"In a couple of games we will be good, in others not so good, but the league doesn't lie.

"The team that wins it is the best team throughout the course of the season.

"It's a marathon, not a sprint, and having looked at the results they have been fair and we do deserve to be where we are.

"But I think with the players we have got, and given the spirit and togetherness we have got, I don't think that we'll be there come the end of the season.

"I could stake my life on that."

Gilligan had originally been set to miss a large part of the season due to scheduled surgery on a bone in his ankle, but postponed the operation due to the Cobblers suffering an injury crisis.

The midfielder is still in need of the operation and will undergo the procedure in the summer as long as he is able to play without aggravating it further.

He said: "We had a chat with the physio and it's not going to go away, it's there until the operation is done.

"I said to him, instead of having the operation done when we were going to... 'we'll just see how it goes'.

"I've managed it, we've done a lot of strengthening work on the ligaments around the ankle just to try and make sure that when I do have the operation the recovery time is slightly quicker.

"I just get on with it – there are bigger things that Ryan Gilligan. The club is the most important thing at the minute and getting ourselves out of the situation we are in. If I can help the manager and the team do that, then that's what's important for me."

Gilligan finished last season as the club's second highest scorer with 11 goals, and although he has failed to find the target so far this season, he has provided several assists from the right wing.

He added: "I've been playing out wide the past couple of games, but I've always said that I'm happy just to be in the team and, if the manager picks me, I will always give 100 and ten per cent for the club – regardless of whether that be at right back, midfield or in goal.

"But obviously everyone can do better, there's always the next level that you want to get to.

"You've just got to keep striving for that and hopefully things will turn."

A CHANGE IS GONNA COME: Ryan Gilligan (right) is confident that the Cobblers can race up the league table after beating Stockport County 2-0 on Saturday

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DREAM DEBUT: Joe Ansbro had the perfect international introduction when he played for Scotland in their victory over world champions South Africa, and (pictured inset left) The centre is given his first senior cap by SRU President Ian McLauchlan

Five Demons Quin with a chance of bagging Super League academy spot

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIVE players from Northampton Rugby League Club have made it through to the next selection stage as they bid to win a place in the Harlequins RL Academy for 2011.

Northampton Demons Academy player Frank Barlow and under-16s Lewis Grimoldby, Jamie Rowe, Glyn Roff and Seb Clark are hoping to secure one of 15 remaining places in the Super League side's under-18s team.

The players had to beat off competition from 50 others from the south of England at the trial, with the next one taking place on Sunday, December 19.

Barlow is in his first season with the Demons, while Clark – son of ex-Northampton Saints player Barry Clark – had his 2010 season cut short by a broken arm.

His father said: "Bastie (Seb) is well up for it. It was a difficult trial without any physical contact due to the weather, but Bastie will relish the next stage as it is going to be more physical."

The five are hoping to follow in the footsteps of former Northampton players Matt Meek and Will Lovell, who have both made an impact for the Quins Academy during their first season at the club.

■Demons' senior side are at home to Gloucestershire University in the preliminary round of the Challenge Cup on January 8/9.

The winners will host Leeds Met University on January 22/23.

GYMNASTICS

KAYLEIGH Haskins narrowly missed out on a podium place in her first appearance for the Great Britain team, finishing fourth in their annual match against Germany.

The Northampton School for Girls pupil, 14, put in a strong performance over three rounds of the competition in Frankfurt but unfortunately not enough to stop the German youth team taking the glory on this occasion.

Haskins follows in the footsteps of fellow Northants Trampoline Gymnastics Association (NTGA) member, current and four times British Champion, James Higgins, who started his international career in the long-standing match against the Germans.

Her development coach, Danielle Martin, said: "Kayleigh has worked hard to achieve her first call up to the GB team and hopefully this will inspire many other club members to keep working towards their goals."

After returning from international duty, Haskins, *(pictured above front row)* in her Team GB tracksuit, took time out from training to meet with some of the new NTGA Foundation Squad members to talk about her international experience.

BOWLS

KINGSTHORPE IBC are through to the last 16 in the country of the Denny Cup after defeating Cambridge Chesterton IBC 86-54 on Saturday.

They took victory on both the home rinks, with Neil McKee's running out 24-8 winners on rink two. Their only defeat was on rink three at Cambridge, while Vernon Geary's foursome won 27-15 on rink four.

Kingsthorpe will now take on Norfolk's Acle IBC, who defeated Barking IBC in their last 32 tie, on Saturday December 18. McKee followed up helping his club through to the next stage of a national competition with some personal success on Sunday after winning the Inter-Area Final of the Champion of Champions competition. He beat Andrew Easy, of City of Ely IBC, 21-16 at St Neots IBC and now goes through to the national finals which will be played at Warners, Lakeside between February 4 and 6 next year. This Sunday sees the Kingsthorpe bowler taking part in the England senior team international trial at Nottingham.

ATHLETICS

RORY Grant became the first teenager to lead home Rugby & Northampton in the Mens' Birmingham Cross Country League when the Division One race was held at Birchfield's Alexander Stadium.

The 17-year-old finished 45th position overall on his debut, covering three laps of the six-mile course in 35mins 1sec and, not since the days of Northampton Phoenix in 2001, has an under-20 athlete been the top man.

The course was a mixture of snow and mud around the grounds of the stadium and coming home second for the club, as he did in the previous race, was Paul Birch. He had another consistent run, making the top 100 again in 97th place on 37.09.

Greg Spellman continued his good form and was the first over-40 veteran across the line for R&N when he recorded 38.04 for 113th spot.

Brendan Moen became the sixth Northampton-based athlete to complete 50 Birmingham League races. Twenty years after his debut in the league, the 44-year-old finally reached that milestone and produced a good run on the day to come 117th in 38.23.

Junior athlete Luke Robinson, who made his debut in the previous race, supported the club once again and was rewarded with another place in the scoring six when he finished 132nd in 39.24.

For the tenth time in his career, Vince Carroll sneaked into sixth spot on the team and, not for the first time, had to produce a sprint finish to pass one of his team-mates in the final 100m.

Carroll's race-long battle with John Saw was decided in the finishing straight and he recorded 40.26 for 143rd position to make the A-team for the 20th time.

Saw, in his tenth season competing in the league, had the consolation of leading home the B-team for the second time in a row with a time of 40.36 in 146th spot.

The B-team was incomplete and therefore had no placing, but Neil Willsher had one of his best runs for a long time after moving into the over-35 veterans category and he crossed the line in 152nd place to record 41.13.

Completing the ten-man squad for R&N were the two 50 year olds – Terry Egan (168th in 42.55) and Adrian White (176th in 44.43).

The club finished in 14th place on the day and after two league races have moved up to 14th place overall from the 16 teams.

However, with three teams being relegated they have to make up almost 200 points in the final two races to catch the team above them and avoid the drop.

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SELECTION HEADACHE: Chris Ashton (above) starred for England in the recent autumn internationals but with the winger and a host of other Saints stars returning to club duty, Northampton director of rugby Jim Mallinder must decide whether or not to draft them back into the side for their Heineken Cup double-header with Cardiff Blues

Ashton and co return to leave boss Mallinder with decisions to make

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NORTHAMPTON Saints are preparing for a Heineken Cup double-header against Cardiff Blues and the chance to end their wait for revenge after defeat two years ago.

In the amateur days though, Cardiff were regular adversaries of Northampton Saints. Indeed, from the end of the Second World War to the mid-1980s it was a near-annual fixture at either Franklin's Gardens or the Arms Park.

From the Welsh side's first visit to Northampton in 1926 – a 14-10 victory for them – to their final meeting of the amateur era in 1987, the teams carved out their own little rivalry in the history of cross-border clashes.

In the 23 years since frequent meetings between the two ceased, the landscape of rugby union has changed markedly and it is not the same Cardiff team.

In this era of professionalism and regional rugby, the Blues are officially one of the four regional franchises from the Principality, although try telling fans of Pontypridd and Bridgend that they are represented by a side descended from their hated rivals.

Meanwhile, the introduction of the Courage Leagues this side of Offah's Dyke killed off fixtures between the sides and since then they have met only sporadically in competitions.

The last clash between Northampton and Cardiff saw the Saints beaten 11-5 in the 2008 Anglo-Welsh Cup semi-finals, but Jim Mallinder's team have a superior record when it comes to the Heineken Cup, winning three of the previous four matches involving the teams.

"Cardiff Blues are a good team and as we played them recently in the Anglo-Welsh tournament and narrowly lost we know a fair bit about them," said Saints director of rugby Mallinder. "They won the Amlin Challenge Cup last season by beating Toulon in Marseille so we know how good they are and I think the match will be a cracker.

"Naturally we are all hopeful of progressing from last year, but we accept that it is going to be an extremely tough game at Cardiff Blues in round four as they have a good home record."

It is advantage Northampton in Pool One ahead of Saturday evening's encounter at Franklin's Garden. They currently lead the way after opening the tournament with back-to-back victories at home to Castres and away at Edinburgh.

After starting with a narrow win in the Scottish capital, the Blues went down 27-20 in France last time out and on Saturday let a 6-3 half time lead slip as they were beaten 16-9 away to Munster in the league.

The weather ensured that the Saints were without a game over the weekend as their scheduled Aviva Premiership encounter with Leeds Carnegie at Headingley was postponed.

It gave Mallinder another week to ponder whether or not to put his international stars straight back into the team or continue with the players that have impressed so much during their absence.

With European games against Cardiff home and away over the next two weekends, it is likely that skipper Dylan Hartley, Ben Foden, Chris Ashton and Courtney Lawes will all return to the starting XV.

However, the likes of Greig Tonks and Jamie Elliott have shown that Northampton do have strength in depth, something Mallinder feels is key if his side are to better last season's quarter final appearance.

"The key to going further is to keep progressing and as we do not have a massive squad, perhaps we may need a bit of luck," he said. "Just look at the French sides like Clermont and Toulon they have absolutely fantastic squads. And then there are the Irish teams. They prioritise the Heineken Cup and put all their resources into the competition."

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